

Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Bill No. HB 2

Requested by Representative Jon Sesso

For the House Free Conference Committee

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1. Page B-1, line 20.

Strike: "31,857,539 33,444,233" [General fund FY 12 and FY 13]
2,463,022 2,463,022 [State Special Revenue FY 12 and
FY 13]
26,545,289 27,402,292 [Federal special fund FY 12 and
FY 13]
Insert: "32,042,355 33,629,049" [General fund FY 12 and FY 13]
2,495,422 2,495,422 [State Special Revenue FY 12 and
FY 13]
26,609,806 27,466,809 [Federal special fund FY 12 and
FY 13]

2. Page B-4, line 9.

Strike: "73,724,653 75,174,917" [general fund FY 12 FY 13]
Insert: "73,539,837 74,990,101" [general fund FY 12 FY 13]

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Explanation - This amendment reinstates provider rates for high cost children in foster care or adoption served by the Child and Family Services Division by eliminating general fund support for the system of care in Disability Services Division. The overall effect of the amendment is to reduce general fund by \$103,534.

Item 1 - restores \$563,466 total funds over the biennium (\$369,632 general fund) and increases general fund by \$184,816 each year of the biennium, state special revenue by 32,400 each year, and federal revenue by 64,517 to reinstate the \$40 reduction to provider rates for support of high cost children in the foster care or adoption served by the Child and Family Services Division. The reduction was adopted in the statutorily required 5% reduction plan taking the rate from \$60 a day to \$20 a day. The funds provide supervision and staffing to ensure the safety of children, and ensure the children stay in Montana in the least-restrictive setting.

Item 2 - reduces general fund support for the system of care program within the Children's Mental Health Bureau by \$184,816

each year of the biennium. The system of care provides grants for Parents Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK), NAMI basics classes for parents with seriously emotionally disturbed children and as a source of funding to support very seriously emotionally disturbed children. Services provided are not funded by other sources of funding within the bureau such as as room and board in therapeutic group homes when the children are returned to Montana from out of state placements.